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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	CR 18- 25 -BU-DLC
Plaintiff,	INFORMATION
vs.	WIRE FRAUD
ANN BENNETT HERMANSON,	Title 18 U.S.C. § 1343
Defendant.	(Penalty: 20 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release)

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

That beginning in approximately September 2009, and continuing through approximately December 2016, at West Yellowstone, within Gallatin County, in the State and District of Montana, the defendant, ANN BENNETT

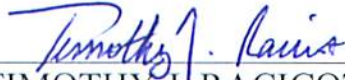
HERMANSON, executed a material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses and representations. Specifically, the defendant, ANN BENNETT HERMANSON, in her capacity as a trustee and fiduciary for several clients' funds, used those funds for her personal benefit by making unauthorized credit card payments, writing unauthorized checks to herself and others, and initiating unauthorized electronic funds transfers.

INTERSTATE WIRE

On or about February 5, 2016, at West Yellowstone, within Gallatin County, in the State and District of Montana, the defendant, ANN BENNETT HERMANSON, for the purpose of executing the aforementioned material scheme and artifice to defraud, and for obtaining money by means of material false and fraudulent pretenses and representations, did knowingly cause to be transmitted in interstate commerce a wire communication between First Security Bank in Montana and Bank of America outside Montana, which represented the transfer of \$3,871, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343.

DATED this 29th day of October, 2018.

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